

Innovation Investment Program Information Sessions

March 25, 2016



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11:30am Telemedicine Pilot Initiative

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- Purpose of Today's Session
- Background on the NAS Investment Opportunity
- Eligibility, Funding and Key Dates
- Minimum Requirements
- Proposal Instructions
- Review and Selection
- Q&A



PURPOSE OF TODAY'S SESSION

- Learn about neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) and the HPC's investment opportunity to address it
- Opportunity to ask your questions about the proposal process

TO LEARN MORE AFTER THE SESSION

- Review the frequently asked questions (FAQ) document on our website for answers to questions asked here today and through May 8, 2016, the deadline for written questions to be submitted to the HPC
- Send additional questions to <u>HPC-Innovation@state.ma.us</u>

Neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS)

- NAS is marked by physiological symptoms present at birth after in utero exposure to opioids and other substances during development
- In 2013, there were 1,189 hospital discharges with an NAS code in MA
- Average LOS = 16 days (range from 9 79 days)

Newborns with NAS are more likely to have complications compared with all other US hospital births.

Premature birth (gestational age <37 weeks)

2.6 – 3.4 times more likely

Low birthweight <2,500g

19.1% vs 7.0%

Seizures

2.3% vs 0.1%

Respiratory diagnoses

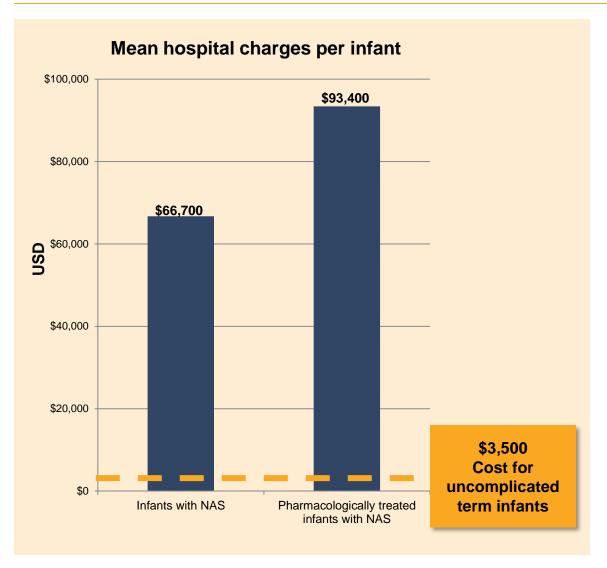
30.9% vs 8.9%

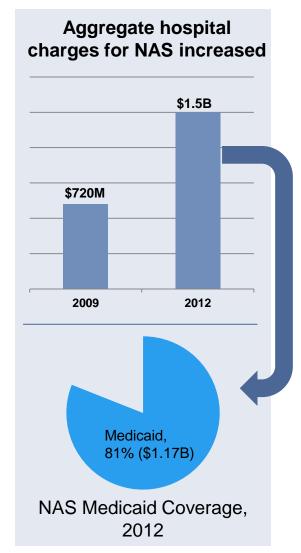
Feeding difficulties / Difficulty gaining weight

18.1% vs 2.8%



Costs of NAS nationwide







Patrick S, Schumacher R, Benneyworth B, et al. Neonatal abstinence syndrome and associated health care expenditures: United States, 2000-2009. JAMA 2012;307(18):1934-40.

NAS Investment Opportunity Background

Increase treatment supports for Opioid Use Disorder for women during pregnancy, including integration of behavioral and physical health care and engagement of social supports; Test a fully integrated model of postnatal supports for families with **Purpose** substance exposed newborns; 3. Demonstrate that cost-savings and quality improvement are achievable together through an integrated delivery model to care for infants with NAS and families; and Replicate the Department of Public Health *Moms Do Care* project **Statutory** Item 1599-1450 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015 and M.G.L. c. 29, §2GGGG; 958 CMR 5.00 **Authority** Two categories of funding: **Funding** Category A: 1-2 awards of up to \$250,000 each (15 months) Category B: Up to 3 awards of up to \$1,000,000 each (27 months)





NAS Investment Opportunity RFP Definitions

- Birthing Hospital: An Acute Hospital licensed to provide Maternal and Newborn Services under M.G.L. c. 111, §51 and 105 CMR 130.000 by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH).
- CHART Investment Program or CHART: The program administered by the HPC pursuant to M.G.L. c. 29, §2GGGG and 958 CMR 5.00. Hospitals eligible for the CHART Investment Program include non-profit, non-Major Teaching Hospitals that have relative prices below the state median relative price as described in 958 CMR 5.02 ("qualified acute hospital").
- Medication-Assisted Treatment or MAT: For purposes of this RFP, medication-assisted treatment means (1) the use of FDA-approved opioid agonist medications (e.g., methadone, buprenorphine products including buprenorphine/naloxone combination formulations and buprenorphine mono- product formulations) for the maintenance treatment of Opioid Use Disorder; (2) the use of opioid antagonist medication (e.g., naltrexone products including extended-release and oral formulations) to prevent relapse of opioid use; and (3) screening, assessment (the determination of severity of Opioid Use Disorder, including presence of physical dependence and appropriateness for MAT) and case management in compliance to federal and state guidelines and regulatory standards.
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome or NAS: Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) is a generalized multisystem disorder that produces a group of similar behavioral and physiological symptoms present at the neonate's birth that results from abrupt discontinuation of licit or illicit substances used by the mother during pregnancy, including opioids.
- Opioid Use Disorder: Opioid use disorder includes signs and symptoms that reflect compulsive, prolonged self-administration of opioid substances that are used for no legitimate medical purpose or, if another medical condition is present that requires opioid treatment, that are used in doses greatly in excess of the amount needed for that medical condition. For more information about Opioid Use Disorders, please visit: http://pcssmat.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/5B-DSM-5-Opioid-Use-Disorder-Diagnostic-Criteria.pdf
- Partner: An organization or entity participating in the design or implementation of an Eligible Entity's Proposal, including but not limited to community-based health and Behavioral Health care service providers including substance use disorder, mental health, primary care, pediatric, and/or obstetric providers.



Key Goals

The **primary goal** for the NAS Investment Opportunity is to accelerate adoption of best practices related to prevention and treatment of NAS

The opportunity also seeks to:

- Increase engagement and retention in medication assisted treatment by pregnant and post-partum women
- Increase collaboration among hospitals, pediatricians, primary care providers, addiction treatment providers, and obstetrics and gynecology, as well as coordination with early intervention providers and social service providers to reduce relapse and readmission rates
- Support hospitals developing and implementing protocols for treatment of NAS that are modeled on evidence-based best practices



Key Aspects of NAS Investment Opportunity



Category A: Non-CHART Birthing Hospitals

Funding available to up to 2 CHART-ineligible hospitals. Applicant may request funding to support development and implementation of hospital inpatient quality improvement initiatives related to treatment of NAS



Up to 2 awards of up to \$250,000 each, with total available funding of \$500,000

Category B: CHART Birthing Hospitals

Funding available to up to 3 CHART eligible hospitals. Applicant may request funding to support 2 required activities:

- Development and implementation of inpatient QI initiatives
- Replication of the DPH's Moms Do Care project

Up to 3 awards of up to \$1,000,000 each, with total available funding of \$3,000,000. 15% of Award will be designated for evaluation, TA, training, and collaborative activities to be overseen and administered by the HPC and DPH.



Information Sessions:

March 16, 2016 March 25, 2016 (Webinar format)

Proposals Due:

May 13, 2016

Anticipated Awardee Announcements:

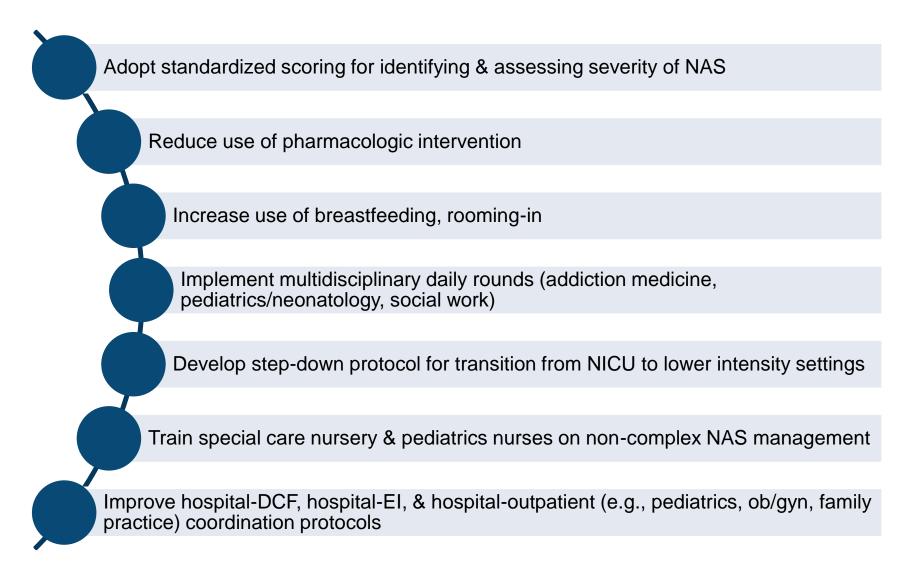
July 2016

Anticipated Period of Performance:

Category A: October 2016 to December 2017 Category B: October 2016 to December 2018

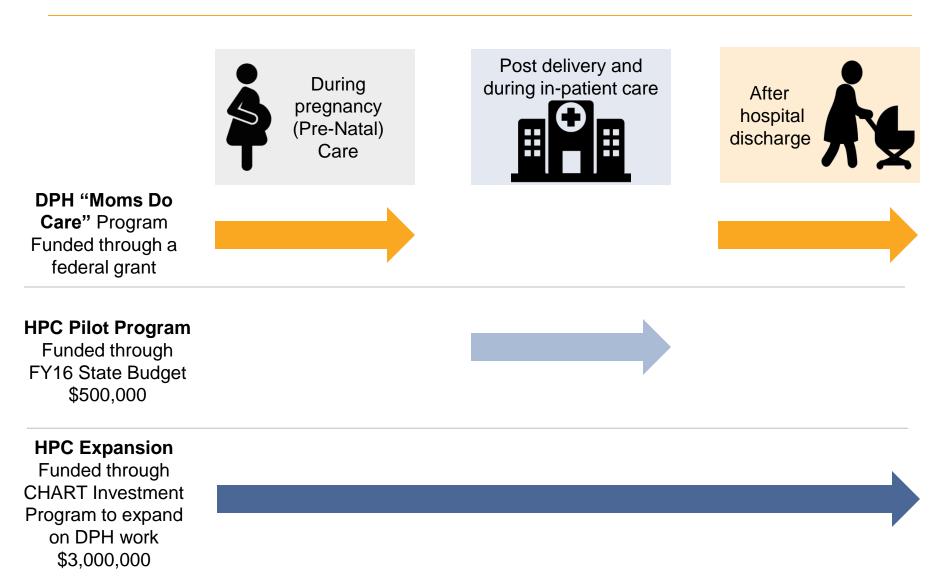


Category A – HPC's proposed "delivery to discharge" quality improvement initiative will accelerate uptake of best practices





Category B – HPC's expansion of a federally funded DPH program adds additional hospital sites and aligns with HPC's inpatient QI initiative





Minimum Requirements



Applicant must be a birthing hospital

- Hospitals ineligible for the CHART Investment Program are eligible for Category A funding
- 2. Hospitals **eligible** for the CHART Investment Program are eligible for **Category B** funding



Applicant must submit proposal on behalf of all proposed partner(s).

- 1. Applicant is responsible for fulfilling the terms of the award, but may coordinate with partner(s) to perform operational aspects of the initiative.
- Applicants for Category B funding must include identified partner(s) for the provision of outpatient MAT services during pregnancy and after delivery



Applicant must identify **investment director** (responsible for oversight of the implementation of the award) and **financial designee** (responsible for tracking HPC funds for the period of performance and for reporting expenditures as required by the HPC)



General Proposal Requirements



A cover letter completed as described in Section V.C and signed by the President or Chief Executive Officer or Board Chair of the Applicant

A complete Operational Response (including all Attachments) for funding as described in Section V.D, including:

- 2
- a. Driver Diagram Template (Attachment A, Exhibit 1)
- b. Performance Measures Template (Attachment A, Exhibit 2)
- c. Budget Proposal Response (Attachment A, Exhibit 3)

Mandatory Contracting Forms: Each Applicant must include copies of the following documents signed by an authorized signatory of the Applicant:

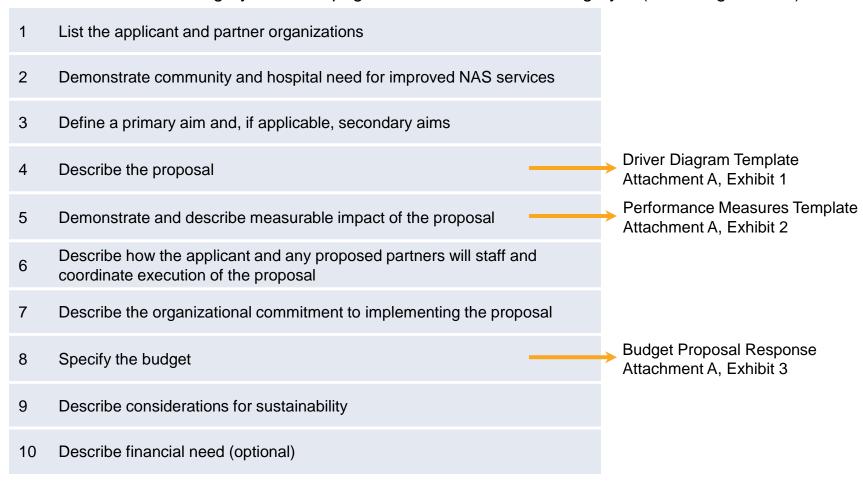
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- a. Commonwealth Terms and Conditions (Attachment B, Exhibit 1)
- b. Commonwealth Standard Contract Form and Instructions (Attachment B, Exhibit 2)
- c. Contractor Authorized Signatory Form (Attachment B, Exhibit 3)
- d. HPC Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement (Attachment B, Exhibit 4)

Please reference Section VII for additional terms and conditions



Operational Response Instructions

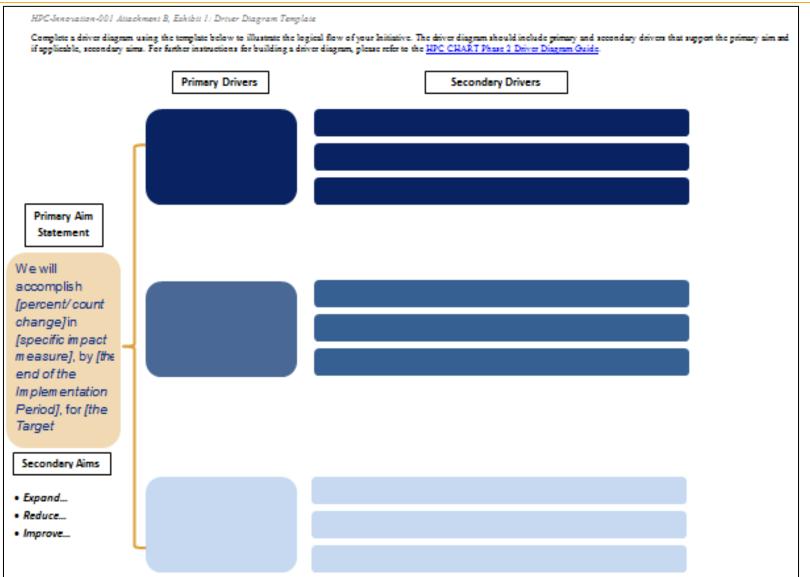
Applicants must complete all elements of the Operational Response, which shall not exceed 15 pages for submissions to Category A and 20 pages for submissions to Category B (excluding exhibits)





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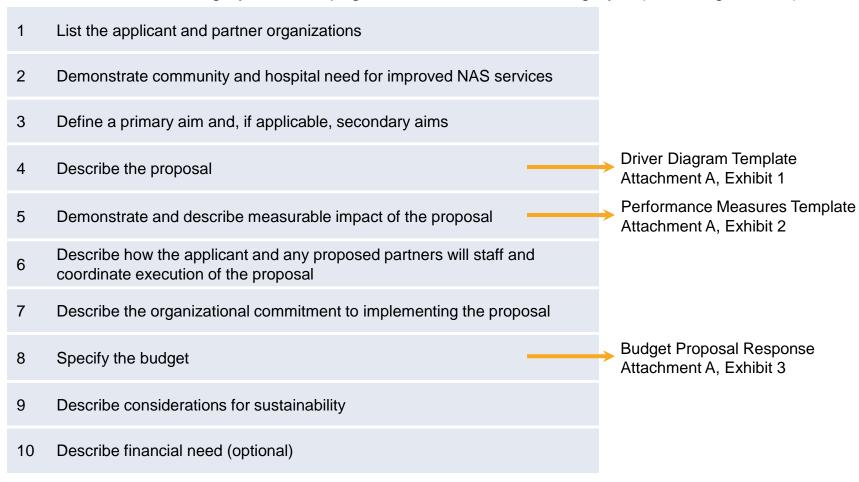
Operational Response Instructions – Driver Diagram Template





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Operational Response Instructions – Performance Measures Template

Measures should be relevant to all domains of the Initiative, examples include:

- Length of Stay
- Total Cost of Care
- Use of non-pharmacologic interventions (e.g., breastfeeding, skin-to-skin contact, low-light exposure)
- Increased number of buprenorphine-waivered providers

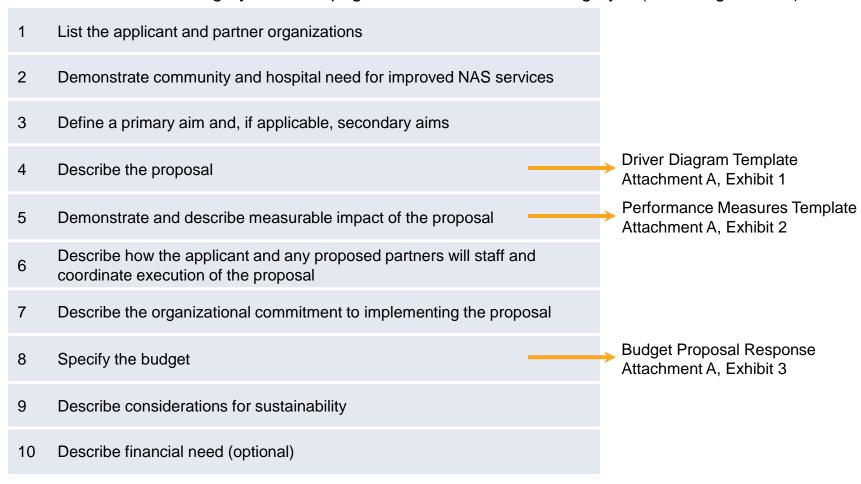
Element	Measure	Purpose of Measure	Numerator	Denominator	Data Sources	Feasibility
Primary Aim	Length of Stay (LOS)	Compare changes in LOS post program implementation	Average LOS for neonates with NAS in 3 months post program implementation	Average LOS for neonates with NAS in 3 months prior to program implementation	Hospital inpatient data	Can begin collecting this measure by end of the preparation period
Secondary Aim #1	Breastfeeding rate	To determine whether neonates with NAS are being breastfed	Number of neonates with NAS who were breastfed	Total number of neonates with NAS	Clinical chart data	Currently collecting this measure

The Performance Measures Template (Attachment A, Exhibit 2) is available on mass.gov/hpc



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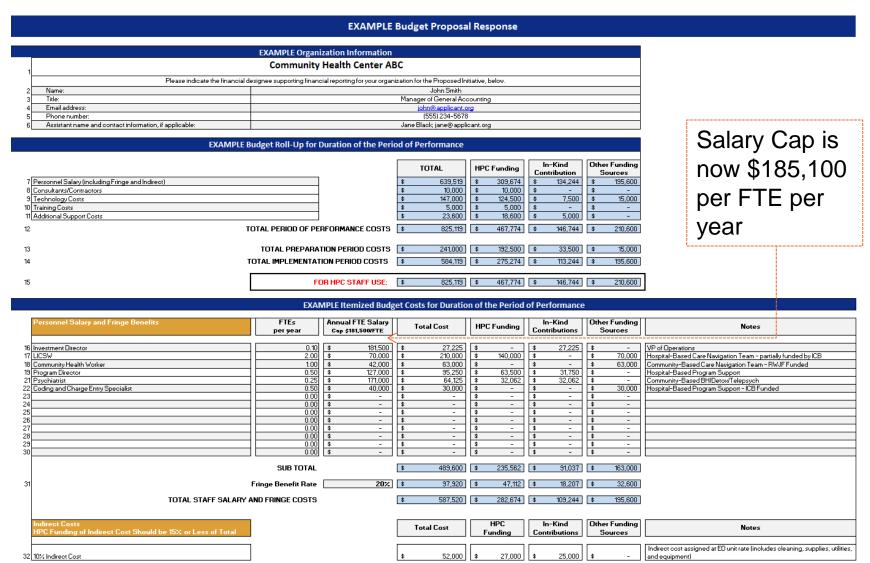
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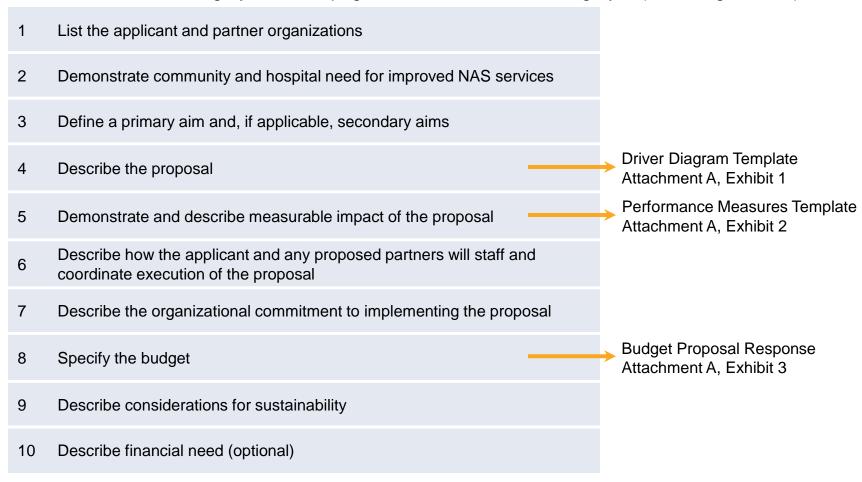
Operational Response Instructions – Budget Proposal Response





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Proposal Instructions – Category B Additional Response Requirements

Given the nature of Category B and its design, the HPC has a few additional requirements for the operational response.

Describe the target population and how many patients are anticipated to be enrolled

Specify method for case finding individuals in the target population to achieve the Category B requirement of enrolling at least 50 patients during initiative

Describe how the Applicant and Partner(s) will collaborate

Describe how the Applicant will propose to increase the number of waivered buprenorphine providers



Criteria for Evaluation (100 points)

Impact of the Initiative	Category A 35 Points	Category B 25 Points
Operational Approach	30 Points	25 Points
Partnership and Collaboration		15 Points
Leadership and Organizational Capacity	10 Points	10 Points
Budget and Financial Considerations	15 Points	15 Points
Sustainability and Scalability	10 Points	10 Points

Relevant Factors

- Community need (impact of opioid epidemic on hospital catchment area)
- Institutional need
- Increased access to MAT providers (Category B only)
- Enhanced access to behavioral health care for the selected population(s)
- Estimated impact on cost and quality of services delivered, patient experience, and continuity of care
- Estimated impact on improving NAS care, reducing cost, and improving substance use disorder treatment for women with Opioid Use Disorder (cost, length of stay, quality, patient experience, provider experience, other related indicators of health system improvement)



Criteria for Evaluation (100 points)

	Category A	Category B
Impact of	35	25
the Initiative	Points	Points

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Relevant Factors

- Proposal is well-designed, comprehensive, feasible, and effective (e.g., clear aims, goals, objectives, deliverables, outcomes)
- Proposal is evidence based
- Proposal demonstrates plans for operational accountability, including internal monitoring and appropriate governance/ oversight of funding
- Measurement plan provides for performance reporting and is aligned and to the initiative aims



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Impact of the Initiative	35 Points	25 Points
Operational	30	25
Approach	Points	Points

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Relevant Factors

CATEGORY B ONLY

- Strength of proposed partnership for the provision of outpatient MAT services during pregnancy and after delivery
- Extent to which community-based medical providers (e.g., PCP, family practice, pediatric), behavioral health providers (e.g., MAT providers, outpatient counseling), and social service providers (e.g., early intervention) are included as partner(s)



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Relevant Factors

- Adequacy of staffing plan to meet proposal goals
 - Category A must include investment director, at minimum
 - Category B must include investment director, nurse care manager, certified addictions registered nurse, and recovery mom, at minimum
- Proposed leadership and management engagement and capability
- Past performance with relevant health care transformation grant programs (if applicable)



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Relevant Factors

- Appropriateness and sufficiency of the proposed budget
- Cost efficiency of the proposed budget
- Financial need of applicant and any proposed partner(s) at time of application
- Proposed in-kind contribution(s), relative to the financial need of the applicant and any proposed partner(s)



Criteria for Evaluation (100 points)

Category A **Category B** Impact of 35 25 the Initiative **Points Points** 25 30 **Operational Points Points Approach Partnership** 15 and **Points** Collaboration Leadership 10 10 and **Organizational Points Points Capacity Budget and** 15 15 **Financial Points Points Considerations Sustainability** 10 10 and **Points Points Scalability**

Relevant Factors

 Potential for learning, sustainability, replication and scalability of the Proposal



NAS Investment Opportunity Timeline

Description	Date
RFP Released	March 2, 2016
Information sessions held by HPC staff	March 16, 2016 (in person) March 25, 2016 (webinar)
Deadline for submission of written questions	May 6, 2016 by 3:00 PM
Deadline for submission of Proposal	May 13, 2016 by 3:00 PM
Awardees selected	July 2016
Projected Contract Execution	October 2016
Preparation Period (up to 3 months)	October 2016-December 2016
Implementation Period – Category A	January 2017-December 2017
Implementation Period – Category B	January 2017-December 2018



NAS Investment Opportunity RFP Summary

GOAL

Goal

 Improve quality of care to address the complex health and social needs of newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome and their families via two pathways



Eligible Applicants

- Category A: Non-CHART Birthing Hospitals
- Category B: CHART Birthing Hospitals



Investment Focus

- Category A: Inpatient quality improvement bundle
- Category B: Massachusetts
 Department of Public Health (DPH)
 Moms Do Care project



Award

- \$3,500,000 total opportunity
- For Category A, up to \$500,000 for 1-2 Awards of up to \$250,000 each
- For Category B, up to \$3,000,000 for 1-3 Category B awards of no more than \$1,000,000 each
- 15% withhold for TA and evaluation



Selection Criteria

- Impact of the Initiative
- Operational Approach
- Partnership and Collaboration (Category B)
- Leadership and Organizational Capacity
- Budget and Financial Considerations
- Sustainability and Scalability



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- Background on the Health Care Innovation Investment (HCII) Program
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Who we are

The Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC) is an independent state agency that develops policy to reduce health care cost growth and improve the quality of patient care. The HPC's main responsibilities include monitoring the performance of the health care system; analyzing the impact of health care market transactions on cost, quality, and access; setting the health care cost growth benchmark; and investing in community health care delivery and innovations.

Mission

The HPC's mission is to advance a more transparent, accountable, and innovative health care system through its independent policy leadership and investment programs. The HPC's goal is better health and better care at a lower cost across the Commonwealth.

Vision

Our vision is a transparent, accountable health care system that ensures quality, affordable, and accessible health care for the Commonwealth's residents.

HPC Scope of Work

- Establish annual statewide health care cost growth benchmark and analyze and report on health care cost drivers;
- Monitor the composition and functioning of health care provider organizations in Massachusetts;
- Assess the impact of health care market changes on cost, quality, and access;
- Invest in care delivery and payment transformation in the Commonwealth to establish the foundation necessary for a sustainable health care system;
 - Promote the adoption of new delivery system models through a certification
- program for patient-centered medical homes and accountable care organizations; and
- Oversee the development and implementation of performance improvement plans by health care market participants.



HCII Program Background

Purpose	To foster innovation in health care payment and service delivery
Statutory Authority	M.G.L. c. 6D,§7; M.G.L. c. 29,§2GGGG; 958 CMR 5.00
Funding	Total amount of \$5 million \$750,000 cap per award \$3,500,000 through the Health Care Payment Reform Trust Fund
	 \$1,500,000 for CHART hospitals through the Distressed Hospital Trust Fund





HCII Program Goal

The goal of HCII is to reduce health care cost growth within the Commonwealth while maintaining or improving quality, access, and provider experience within 18 months.

Reducing total medical expenses for example, through avoided acute care utilization, avoided procedures or tests, shift of volume to lower cost sites of care, or use of more cost-efficient care providers. Total medical expenses are a key component of total health care expenditures (THCE).

Reducing operating expenses

for example, through use of innovative tools or protocols to improve process flows. Applicants that seek to reduce operating expenses must demonstrate how such savings may impact THCE (e.g., by citing opportunities to reduce operating costs in a service line that result in reductions in TME).

Additionally, Applicants may incorporate social costs by describing qualitative and quantitative measures of such costs to describe and justify your proposed initiative's health care cost impact within the 18 month Implementation Period.*

^{*}Please note that this information will be clarified in a revision of the HCII RFP originally issued on March 2, 2016.



Select Definitions

- Carrier: An insurer licensed or otherwise authorized to transact accident or health insurance under chapter 175; a nonprofit hospital service corporation organized under chapter 176A; a nonprofit medical service corporation organized under chapter 176B; a health maintenance organization organized under chapter 176G; and an organization entering into a preferred provider arrangement under chapter 176I; provided, that this shall not include an employer purchasing coverage or acting on behalf of its employees or the employees of 1 or more subsidiaries or affiliated corporations of the employer; provided that, unless otherwise noted, the term "carrier" shall not include any entity to the extent it offers a policy, certificate or contract that provides coverage solely for dental care services or visions care services. For the purposes of this presentation, "carrier" shall be used interchangeably with "payer".
- CHART Investment Program or CHART: The program administered by the HPC pursuant to M.G.L. c. 29, §2GGGG and 958 CMR 5.00. Hospitals eligible for the CHART Investment Program include non-profit, non-major teaching hospitals that have relative prices below the state median relative price as described in 958 CMR 5.02 ("qualified acute hospital").
- Partner: Any organization participating in a proposal to the HPC pursuant to this RFP, whether an eligible entity or not.
- **Provider:** Any person, corporation, partnership, governmental unit, state institution or any other entity qualified under the laws of the commonwealth to perform or provide health care services.
- Provider Organization: Any corporation, partnership, business trust, association or organized group of person, which is in the business of health care delivery or management, whether incorporated or not that represents 1 or more health care providers in contracting with carriers for the payments of health care services; provider, that "provider organization" shall include, but not be limited to, physician organizations, physician-hospital organizations, independent practice associations, provider networks, accountable care organizations and any other organization that contracts with carriers for payment for health care services.

Please reference Section IX of the HCII Round 1 RFP for additional definitions



HCII Program Round 1 Challenges

Social Determinants of Health

Meet the social needs that impact the health of high-risk/high-cost patients

Behavioral Health Integration

Integrate behavioral and physical health care (mental illnesses and substance use disorders) for high-risk / high-cost patients

Value-Informed Choices: Purchasers

Increase value-informed choices by purchasers (including both employers and consumers) that optimize patient preferences

Value-Informed Choices: Providers

Increase value-informed choices by providers that address high-cost tests, drugs, devices, and referrals

Provider Practice Variation

Reduce practice variation in lower back pain, hip/knee replacements, deliveries, and other highvariability episodes of care

Post-Acute Care

Improve hospital discharge planning to reduce over-utilization of high-intensity post-acute care (PAC) settings as well as improve efficiency and transitions of care within and between PAC providers

End-of-Life Care

Support patients in receiving care that is consistent with their goals at the end of life and provide comprehensive community- and homebased services

Site and Scope of Care

Expand scope of care of medical and paramedical providers who can most efficiently care for high-risk / high-cost patients in community settings (e.g., through care models, partnerships, and/or technologies)



Key Aspects of HCII Round 1 Funding Opportunity



Health Care providers and provider organizations

Includes CHART Hospitals

Carriers

Non-Eligible Entities may participate as partners in initiatives to apply for funding under this RFP.



8-12 awards

Up to \$750,000 each

Total available funding of \$5,000,000

- \$3,500,000¹ is available from the Health Care Payment Reform Trust Fund
- \$1,500,000² is available from the Distressed Hospital Trust Fund



April 8 Letters of Intent Due

May 13 Proposals Due

July 2016 Awardees Selected October 2016 Contracts Executed

Oct 16-Sep 18 Period of Performance, including:

Preparation Period up to 6 months (optional)

Implementation Period 18 months

¹ For Applicants not eligible for the CHART Investment Program

² For Applicants eligible for the CHART Investment Program



HCII PROGRAM ROUND 1 RFP - MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Eligibility and Key Personnel
- Partnership
- Challenges
- Adaptation of Innovation
- Outcomes and Performance Measurement

Minimum Requirement – Eligibility and Key Personnel

A Proposal must be submitted by an Eligible Entity (the Applicant).

- The HPC is seeking a diverse pool of competitive applications, and encourages applicants to partner with one or more organizations to develop competitive applications and implement the proposed initiative.
- The Applicant must submit the Proposal on behalf of all partners.

	Applicant	Partner	Investment Director	Financial Designee
Award Eligibility	Eligible entities	Eligible and non-eligible entities non-corporately affiliated with the applicant	An employee of either the applicant or a partner	An employee of the applicant
Application Requirement	One per application	One or more per application	One per application	One per application
Role in the Proposed Initiative	Responsible for fulfilling the terms of the award	Collaborates on the initiative to adapt an innovative payment and/or delivery approach, analytic model, tool, or other solution	Leads preparation (optional) and implementation of the initiative	Possesses relevant skills and understanding of the Applicant's accounting practices
Engagement with the HPC	Contracts with the HPC Submits Application on behalf of partners	Must comply with terms of award contract	Primary point of contact for the HPC	Reports expenditures to as required by the HPC



Minimum Requirement – Partnership

The Applicant must propose one or more partners to address the selected Challenge.

- Form multi-stakeholder partnerships to engage in meaningful collaborations to meet patients' health needs, which are complex and multi-factorial.
- Entities that seek to partner together for the Initiative must submit a single Proposal for funding.
- Strength of partnerships will be a competitive factor in selection.



Examples of partnerships may include:

- A professional association and payers / providers partnering to address practice pattern variation and waste
- A payer and a provider collaborating to test an innovative payment arrangement to implement a new model for supporting care at the end of life
- A health system and a social services provider collaborating to meet the housing or other SDH needs of high risk patients
- A payer and a researcher partnering to test a new analytics approach or to provide enhanced evaluation
- A provider, an employer, and a technology partner to adapt a model of direct-toconsumer telemedicine to increase employee access to health care services



Minimum Requirement - Challenges

The Applicant must select one of the eight Challenges to target with its Initiative.



These eight Challenges were selected by the HPC because each is a persistent health care cost driver and all have great potential for being addressed through innovative interventions implemented through collaborative partnerships.

Detailed descriptions of each
Challenge may be found in Attachment
A, Exhibit 1, on the HPC's website
under "Innovation Investments"

Social Determinants of Health (SDH):

Meet the social needs that impact the health of high-risk/high-cost patients

SDH BHI VICPurchaser
Practice Parchaser
Pattern Variation
PAC SAI & Scope of Care

Social determinants of health (SDH), non-medical conditions such as poverty, nutrition, education, and opportunity for employment, are inextricably linked to an individual's medical and behavioral health outcomes—and play a substantially larger role than do medical factors in an individual's health.

Access to affordable housing, the quality of early childhood education, and the presence of stable employment opportunities have been shown to affect health expenditures, especially for minority and at-risk populations. Characteristics such as race or ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, gender, age, mental health, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity, geographic location, or other characteristics historically linked to exclusion or discrimination are known to influence health status contributing to significant health care costs. Populations such as homeless individuals, low-income individuals and families, and women, who bear the majority of caregiving responsibilities in the home, often face unique health care access issues that result in delaying preventative and routine treatment. When in need of care, these groups tend to rely on high-cost settings for primary care services. Socioeconomic, racial, and geographical disparities in readmission rates further indicate the importance of community drivers as part of any comprehensive solution for reducing health care costs. For example, patients living in low-income neighborhoods are 24 percent more likely than others to be readmitted to the hospital.³

Payers, public health agencies and foundations, and social support agencies have a role in addressing drivers of health care costs. Meeting the health-related social needs of patients requires jointly-accountable partnerships across these sectors, with linked information-sharing systems as well as aligned budgeting and evaluation metrics.

To address this Challenge, a number of innovations are emerging in the field. The following highlights a selection of innovative models that have successfully demonstrated cost savings. This summary is non-exhaustive, and should be considered an illustrative resource, only.

SDH Model I: Integrated Health Care and Housing Services (Economic Roundtable in LA County



Minimum Requirement – Adaptation of Cost-Saving Innovation

The Applicant must propose an Initiative adapted from previous successful demonstrations achieving cost savings and other improvements to quality and access

The proposed initiative must...

...have been previously implemented at least once (e.g., in a health system, hospital, community, carrier, etc.)



...be supported by evidence of the potential to achieve meaningful savings within the Implementation Period.

Reference material for Applicants:

Intended to be a helpful reference resource, RFP Attachment A.1 provides examples to support Applicants in adapting effective, previously tested service models and initiatives.

Evidence base may include (but not be limited to):

- Journal articles
- Case studies
- White papers
- Published findings of pilots and demonstrations
- The applicant's and partners' past experience implementing an intervention



Minimum Requirement – Outcomes and Performance Measurement

The Applicant must describe how it will measure its outcomes and a plan for rapidcycle evaluation in order to achieve impacts.

> Measures should be relevant to all domains of the Initiative, such as

- Cost and utilization
- Clinical outcomes
- Clinical processes
- Access to care
- Patient experience (including patient-reported outcome measures)
- Provider experience

Examples of outcome measures may include:

- Total Medical Expenditure
- Per-Member Per-Month charges
- Per-procedure costs
- Inpatient admissions and readmissions
- Emergency Department visits
- Facility length of stay

- Specialist visits
- Mortality rates
- Patient experience
- Patient wait times
- Referrals to community-based services
- Provider Net Promoter Scores



Minimum Requirement – Outcomes and Performance Measurement

Sample Performance Measures						
Element	Measure	Purpose of Measure	Numerator	Denominator	Data Sources	Feasibility
Primary Aim	ED visits per patient per year	Rapidly available measure of costs that is sensitive to failures of the Initiative to appropriately coordinate care in lower-cost, less disruptive settings	Number of ED Visits by Denominator patients	Number of residents of Springfield under the age of 18 with Behavioral Health conditions who have visited the ED	Participating facility ADT systems	Currently collecting this measure
Secondary Aim #1	BH specialist visits per patient, per year	A balancing measure that indicates ability of Target Population to access appropriate BH support and referrals to further resources	Number of BH specialist encounters by Denominator patients	Number of residents of Springfield under the age of 18 with Behavioral Health conditions the have visited the ED	Participating provider administrative data	Can begin collecting this measure by the end of the Preparation Period

The **Performance Measures Template, Attachment B, Exhibit 2,** is located under "Innovation Investments" on mass.gov/hpc



General Proposal Requirements

Due by 3:00 PM EDT April 8, 2016



A letter of intent (LOI) to apply completed as described in Section V.B on the HPC website

Due by 3:00 PM EDT May 13, 2016

A cover letter completed as described in Section V.D signed by the President or Chief Executive Officer or Board Chair of the Applicant

A complete Operational Response (15 page max), with all Attachments as described in Section V.E, including:

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- 1. Driver Diagram Template (Attachment B, Exhibit 1)
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Mandatory contracting forms signed by an authorized signatory of the Applicant:

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Proposal Instructions – Letter of Intent (LOI)

The LOI is a required summary of the Applicant's intent to submit a Proposal targeting a selected Challenge.

Purpose of the LOI

- Indicate to the HPC an Applicant's intent to submit a Proposal (non-binding)
- Provide Applicants an opportunity to seek additional partners for a Proposal

LOI Contents

- Applicant *
- Partner(s) *
- Title of Proposed Initiative
- Selected Challenge *
- Description of Proposed Initiative
- Estimated Funding Request
- Interest in Partnership *
- Contact Information for Partnership Inquiries *



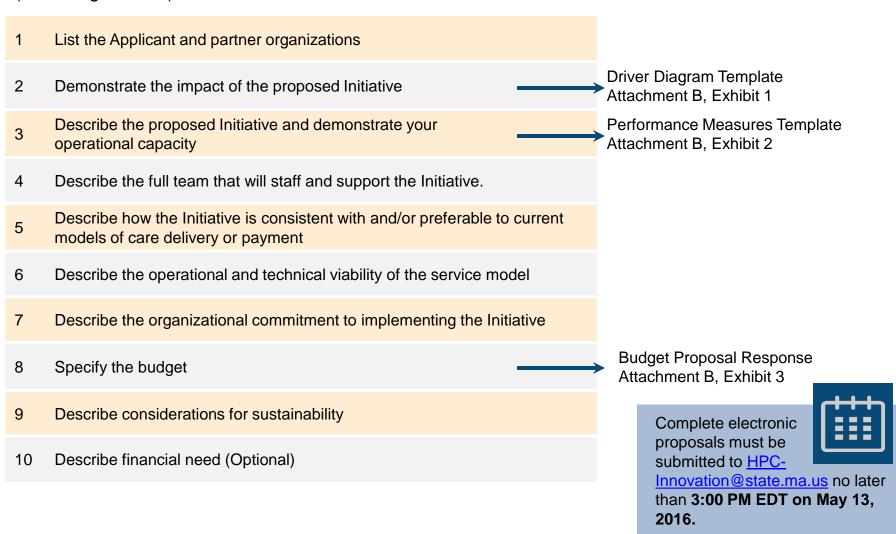
Complete LOIs must be received by the HPC through the provided web form no later than 3:00 PM EDT on April 8, 2016.

Guidance

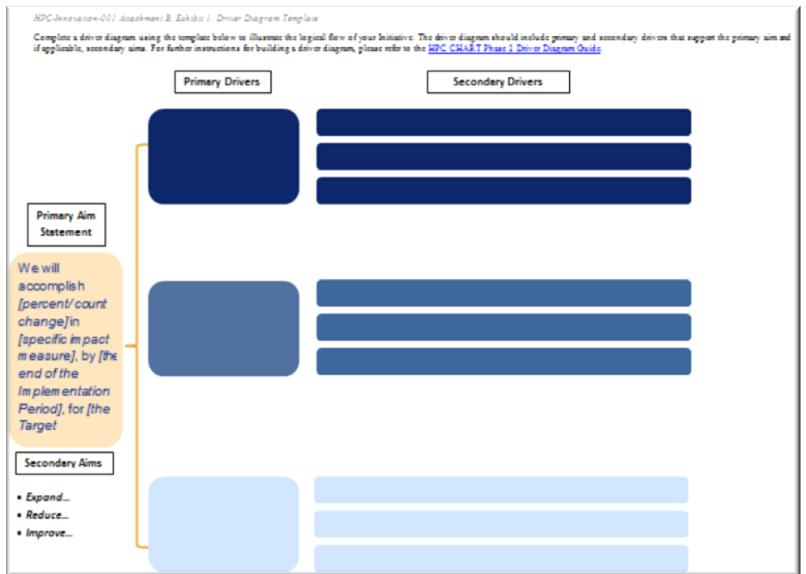
- Information submitted in categories marked by an asterik (*) will be made publicly available on the HPC's website.
- An applicant may alter contents of its LOI in the proposal.
- Any eligible entity listed as a partner by an applicant in an LOI is eligible to submit its own proposal.

Proposal Instructions – Operational Response

Applicants must complete all elements of the Operational Response, which shall not exceed 15 pages (excluding exhibits)



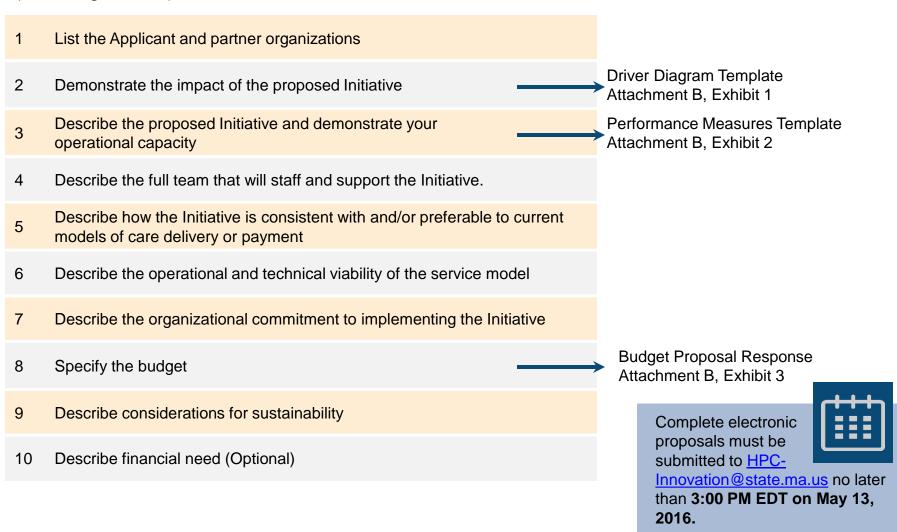
Proposal Instructions – Driver Diagram Template





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Proposal Instructions – Performance Measures Template

HPC-Innovation-001 Attachment B, Exhibit 2: Performance Measures Template

Instructions

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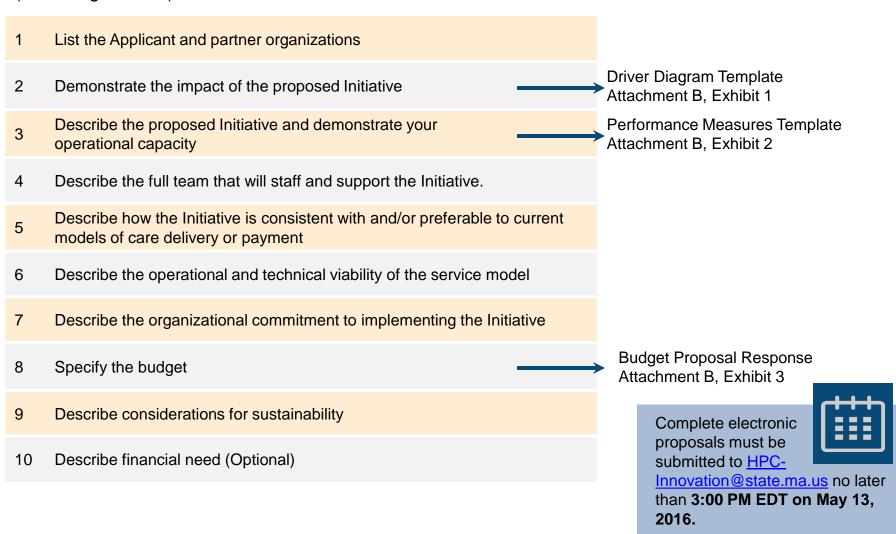
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Primary Driver#1						
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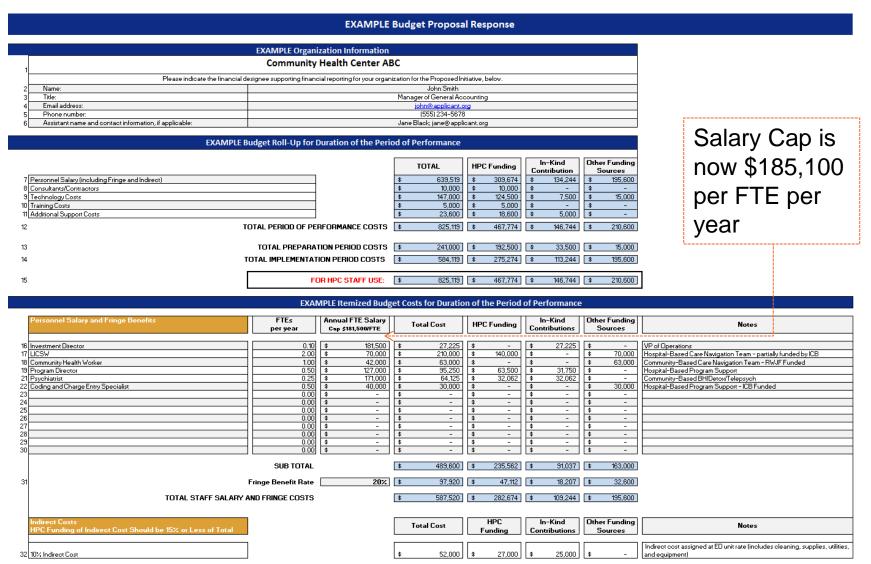


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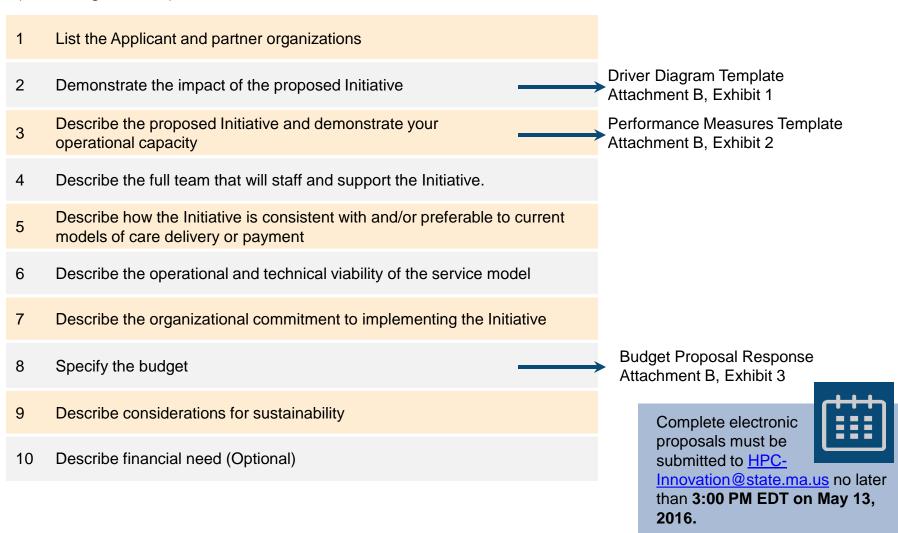
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Selection Criteria – Impact of the Proposed Pilot

Criteria for Evaluation (100 points)

Impact of the Initiative	30 Points
Operational Approach	20 Points
Partnership and Collaboration	15 Points
Leadership and Organizational Capacity	10 Points
Budget and Financial Considerations	15 Points
Sustainability and Scalability	10 Points

Relevant Factors

- Demonstration of community need for the selected Challenge
- Alignment of the proposed Initiative with the HCII Program goal of reducing health care costs within the Commonwealth
- Magnitude of estimated cost savings impact of the proposed Initiative on the target population specified by the Applicant within the Implementation Period, as well as estimated impact on quality, access, provider and patient experience and patient flow, continuity of care, and the extent to which the proposed Initiative will support innovative health care delivery and payment models, as appropriate



Selection Criteria – Operational Approach

Criteria for Evaluation (100 points)

Impact of the Initiative

30 Points

Operational Approach	20 Points
Partnership and Collaboration	15 Points
Leadership and Organizational Capacity	10 Points
Budget and Financial Considerations	15 Points
Sustainability and Scalability	10 Points

Relevant Factors

- The Proposal is well-designed, comprehensive, feasible and effective to meet the goals of the RFP with clear aims, goals, objectives, deliverables, and outcomes
- Strength of the proposed Initiative, its evidence base, and plan for adaptation to serve the target population
- Extent to which the proposed Initiative meets the described patient/population need better than current alternatives
- Alignment of the measurement plan to the proposed Initiative for performance monitoring and to the aims for outcomes assessment



Selection Criteria – Partnership and Collaboration

Criteria for Evaluation (100 points)

Impact of 30 the Initiative Points

Operational 20 Approach Points

Partnership 15 and **Points** Collaboration Leadership 10 and **Organizational Points Capacity Budget and** 15 **Financial Points Considerations Sustainability** 10 and **Points Scalability**

Relevant Factors

 Strength and value of partnerships and effective governance, communication, and decision-making structures among the Applicant and partners



Selection Criteria – Leadership and Organizational Capacity



Impact of 30 the Initiative Points

Operational 20
Approach Points

Partnership and Collaboration

15 Points

Leadership	
and	10
Organizational	Points
Capacity	

Budget and 15
Financial Points
Considerations

Sustainability and Scalability

10 Points

Relevant Factors

- Leadership and management engagement and capability
- Past performance with relevant health care transformation grant programs (if applicable)



Selection Criteria – Budget and Financial Considerations



Relevant Factors

- Appropriateness and sufficiency of the proposed budget
- Cost efficiency of the proposed budget
- Financial need of the Applicants and any partner(s) at time of Proposal as defined by the Applicant's optional response detained in Section V.E.10 and publically available financial metrics
- Proposed in-kind contributions, relative to financial need of the Applicant and any partners



Selection Criteria – Sustainability and Scalability



Relevant Factors

 Potential for learning, sustainability, replication and scalability of the model



HCII Round 1 Timeline

Description	Date
RFP Released	March 2, 2016
Information sessions held by HPC staff	March 16, 2016 March 25, 2016 (webinar)
Deadline for submission of written questions on LOI	April 1, 2016
Deadline for submission of LOI	April 8, 2016
HPC publishes public elements of LOI (anticipated)	April 15, 2016
Deadline for receipt of written questions on Proposal	May 6, 2016
Deadline for submission of Proposal	May 13, 2016
Awardees selected (anticipated)	July 2016
Projected Contract execution (anticipated)	October 2016
Preparation Period (as applicable)	October 2016 - March 2017
Implementation Period (anticipated)	March 2017 - September 2018



HCII RFP Summary



Goal

- Carrier, Provider or Provider Organization
- Applicants must propose partnership with eligible or non-eligible entities



Eligible Applicants

 Reduce health care cost growth within the Commonwealth while maintaining or improving quality, access, and provider experience.



Investment Focus

- Social Determinants of Health (SDH)
- Behavioral Health Integration (BHI)
- Value-Informed Choices Purchasers (VIC-Purchasers)
- Value-Informed Choices Providers (VIC-Providers)
- Provider Practice Variation (PV)
- Post-Acute Care (PAC)
- Serious Advancing Illness and Care at the End-Of-Life (SAI & EOL)
- Site & Scope Of Care (SOC)



Award

- \$750k award cap for up to 6 months of Preparation, and 18 months of Implementation
- \$5 million total opportunity



Selection Criteria

- Impact
- Operational Approach
- Partnership and Collaboration
- Leadership and Organizational Capacity
- Budget and Financial Considerations
- Sustainability and Scalability



Contact Information

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AGENDA

10:00am Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Investment Opportunity

10:45am Health Care Innovation Investment Program

11:30am Telemedicine Pilot Initiative

All sessions include Q&A



AGENDA – 45 MINUTES

- Purpose of Today's Session
- Background on the Telemedicine Pilot Initiative
- Eligibility, Funding and Key Dates
- Minimum Requirements
- Proposal Instructions
- Review and Selection
- Q&A



PURPOSE OF TODAY'S SESSION

- Learn about the Telemedicine Pilot Initiative
- Opportunity to ask your questions about the proposal process

TO LEARN MORE AFTER THE SESSION

- Review the frequently asked questions (FAQ) document on our website for answers to questions asked here today and through May 8, 2016, the deadline for written questions to be submitted to the HPC
- Send additional questions to <u>HPC-Innovation@state.ma.us</u>

Telemedicine Pilot Initiative Background

Purpose

To enhance access to behavioral health care for any of the following populations in Massachusetts with unmet behavioral health needs: children and adolescents; older adults aging in place; individuals with substance use disorders

Statutory Authority

Section 161 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015; M.G.L. c. 29 2GGGG; 958 CMR 5.00

Funding

Up to three awards for eligible applicants with no award totaling no more than \$500,000. A total funding opportunity of \$1,000,000.

Telemedicine Pilot Initiative Timeline





Primary Goal

The HPC has identified a primary goal of increasing access to behavioral health care for vulnerable populations within the Commonwealth using telemedicine.

Applicants may propose one or more secondary goals, such as:

- Maintaining or improving patient experience and quality of care;
- Improving provider satisfaction;
- Improving patient flow and health care providers' operating efficiency through optimal allocation of clinical staff among partnering sites and use of staff time;
- Linking tele-behavioral health service models to primary providers to ensure continuity of care;
- Reducing the number of patients transferred to specialty or acute clinical settings, when appropriate care could be delivered at the originating setting (where appropriate); and
- Reducing overall utilization over an episode of care (where appropriate).



Telemedicine Pilot Initiative Target Populations

Applicants must focus behavioral health access expansion efforts on one or more of the following target groups

1 Children and adolescents

Individuals aged from 0-21 years old.

Older adults aging in place

Individuals aged 55 years and older.

Individuals with substance use disorders

Individuals with one or more conditions that occur when the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causes clinically and functionally significant impairment, such as health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.



Select Definitions

- Carrier: An insurer licensed or otherwise authorized to transact accident or health insurance under chapter 175; a nonprofit hospital service corporation organized under chapter 176A; a nonprofit medical service corporation organized under chapter 176B; a health maintenance organization organized under chapter 176G; and an organization entering into a preferred provider arrangement under chapter 176I; provided, that this shall not include an employer purchasing coverage or acting on behalf of its employees or the employees of 1 or more subsidiaries or affiliated corporations of the employer; provided that, unless otherwise noted, the term "carrier" shall not include any entity to the extent it offers a policy, certificate or contract that provides coverage solely for dental care services or visions care services. For the purposes of this presentation, "carrier" shall be used interchangeably with "health plans".
- CHART Investment Program or CHART: The program administered by the HPC pursuant to M.G.L. c. 29, §2GGGG and 958 CMR 5.00. Hospitals eligible for the CHART Investment Program include non-profit, non-major teaching hospitals that have relative prices below the state median relative price as described in 958 CMR 5.02 ("qualified acute hospital").
- Major Teaching Hospital or Teaching Hospital: An acute hospital that has at least 25 full-time equivalent interns
 or residents per 100 inpatient beds, as determined by the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA). Major
 teaching hospital is inclusive of academic medical centers.
- **Provider:** Any person, corporation, partnership, governmental unit, state institution or any other entity qualified under the laws of the commonwealth to perform or provide health care services
- **Telemedicine**: A mode for delivery of health care services, that utilizes interactive audio, video or other electronic media for the purpose of diagnosis, consultation or treatment.

Additional definitions available in **Section IX** of the Telemedicine Pilot Initiative RFP



Key Aspects of Telemedicine Opportunity



Health Care providers and provider organizations

Includes CHART Hospitals

Carriers

In addition, non-eligible organizations may participate and receive funding as partners. Partners may collaborate with the applicant on the payment, service delivery, or analysis for the proposed initiative.



- A total of \$1,000,000 is available
- The HPC anticipates making 2-3 awards
- The maximum allowable award is \$500,000



May 13 Proposals Due
July 2016 Awardees Selected
October 2016 Contracts Executed

Oct 16-Sep 18 Period of Performance, including: Preparation Period up to 6 months (optional)

Implementation Period 18 months

¹ For Applicants not eligible for the CHART Investment Program

² For Applicants eligible for the CHART Investment Program

Minimum Requirements



A proposal must be submitted by an eligible entity (**providers, provider organizations, or carriers**).



The applicant must submit the proposal on behalf of all partners, if any. The applicant will be the entity with whom the HPC will contract for the award. Applicants must also identify an investment director and a financial designee.



The applicant must focus behavioral health access expansion efforts on one or more of the following target groups within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: children and adolescents, older adults aging in place, and individuals with substance use disorders.

Teaching hospital participation is required.



A teaching hospital may be the applicant or deliver direct services as a partner to another provider. Alternatively, a teaching hospital may support the applicant in designing telemedicine-based clinical protocols during the preparation period or serve in an advisory capacity on pilot implementation. Teaching hospital participation is not required to be part of the applicant's direct service delivery model. The applicant must describe the role of at least one teaching hospital in its proposal.



General Proposal Requirements

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A cover letter completed as described in *Section V.C* and signed by the president or chief executive officer or board chair of the applicant

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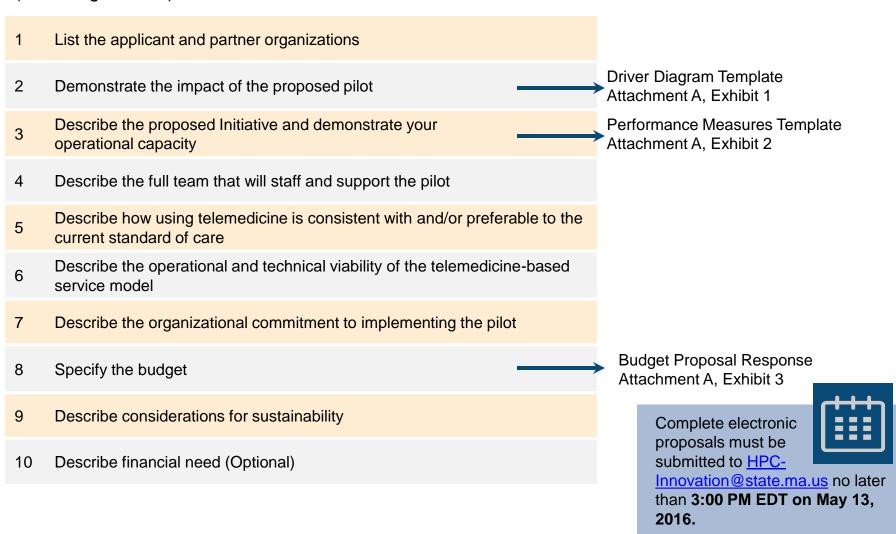
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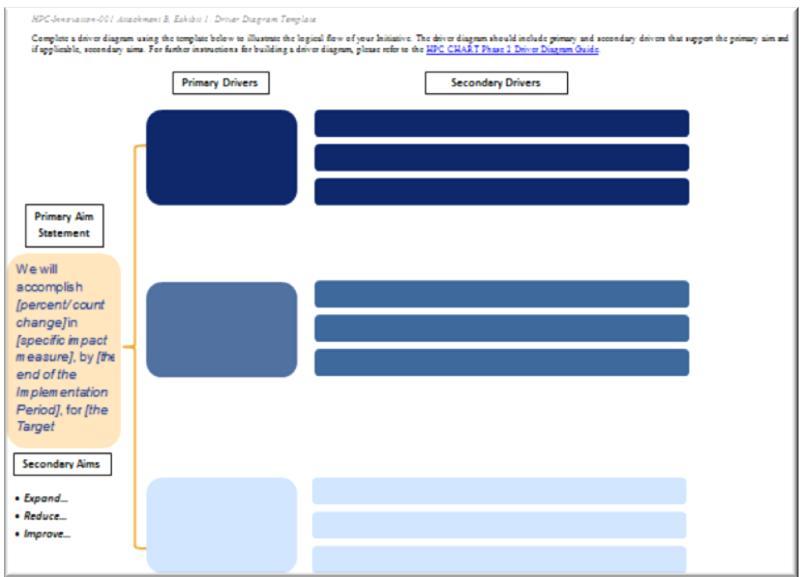
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Please reference Section VII for additional terms and conditions

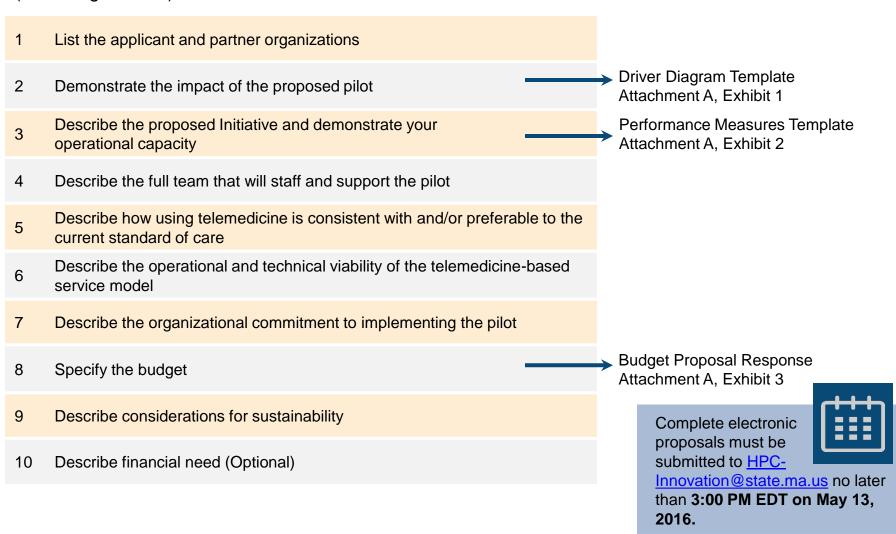




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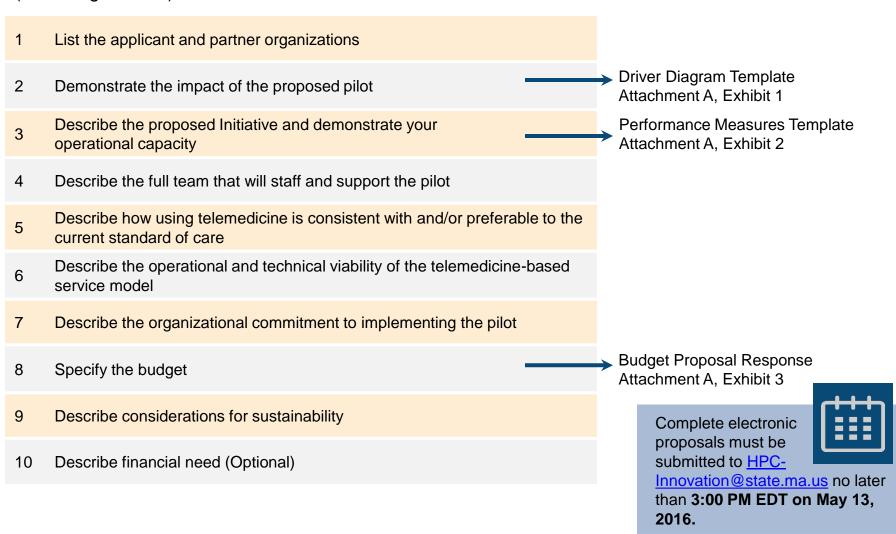
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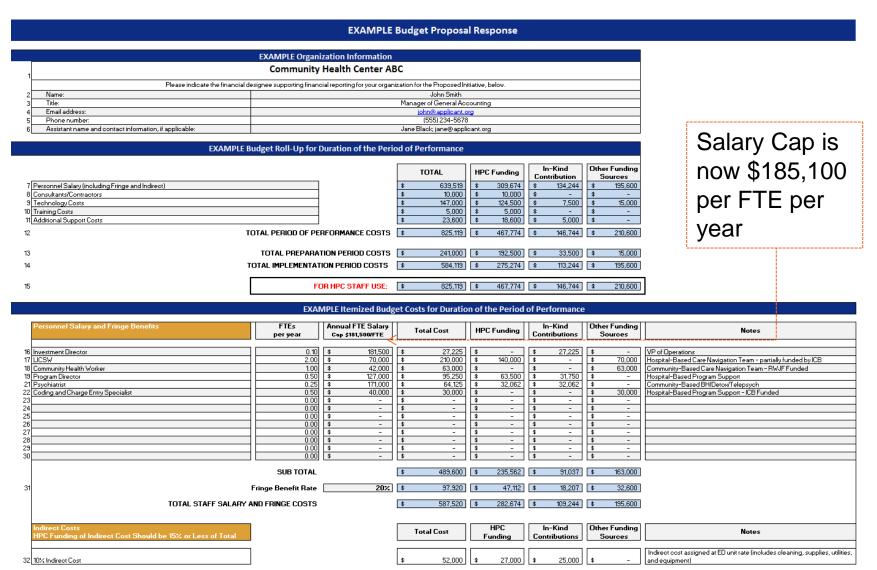
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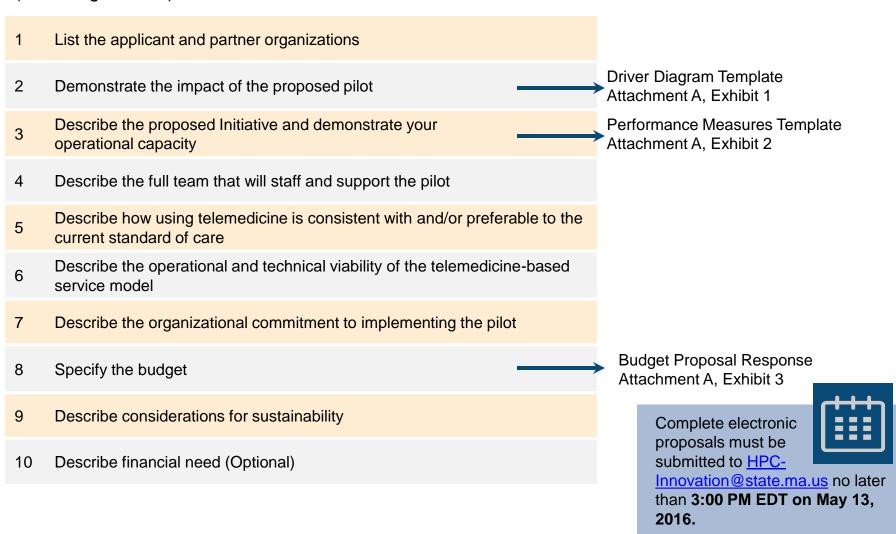




Operational Response Instructions – Budget Proposal Response







Selection Criteria – Impact of the Proposed Pilot

Criteria for Evaluation (100 points)

Impact of the 30 **Proposed Pilot Points** 20 **Operational Approach Points Partnership** 15 and **Points** Collaboration Leadership 10 and **Organizational Points Capacity Budget and** 15 **Financial Points** Considerations **Sustainability** 10 and **Points** Scalability

- Demonstration of community need for access to behavioral health services for one or more of the following populations: children and adolescents; older adults aging in place; and individuals with substance use disorders
- Alignment of the proposed pilot with the goal of enhancing access to behavioral health care for the selected population(s)
- Magnitude of estimated impact of the proposed pilot on meeting the behavioral health access needs for the target population specified by the applicant as well as estimated impact on cost, quality, provider, patient experience and patient flow, and continuity of care, as appropriate



Selection Criteria – Operational Approach

Criteria for Evaluation (100 points)

Impact of the Proposed Pilot 30 Points

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Partnership and Collaboration	15 Points
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- The proposal is well-designed comprehensive, feasible and effective to meet the goals of the RFP with clear aims, goals, objectives, deliverables, and outcomes
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Selection Criteria – Partnership and Collaboration

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Scalability

Relevant Factors

 Strength and value of partnerships and effective governance, communication, and decision-making structures among the applicant and partners



Selection Criteria – Leadership and Organizational Capacity

Criteria for Evaluation (100 points)

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Considerations

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Selection Criteria – Budget and Financial Considerations

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Relevant Factors

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Telemedicine Pilot Timeline

All dates are estimated, except for deadlines indicated in bold type.

Description	Date	
RFP released	March 2, 2016	
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Projected contract execution (anticipated)	October 2016	
Preparation period	October 2016 - March 2017	
Pilot implementation	March 2017- March 2018	



Telemedicine RFP Summary

Goal



 Increasing access to behavioral health care using telemedicine for one or more of the identified groups

Eligible Applicants



- Any provider, provider organization or carrier
- A single entity may apply on behalf of a consortium of providers
- Require some level of collaboration with a teaching hospital; no funding requirement

Investment Focus



 Focus on one or more of the following groups: children and Adolescents, older adults aging in place, and individuals with substance use disorders

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Award

- \$1,000,000 in total funding
- Up to 3 awards of no more than \$500,000

Selection Criteria



- Impact of the initiative
- Operational approach
- Partnership and collaboration Leadership and organizational capacity
- Budget and financial considerations
- Sustainability and scalability



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